

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-16 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 112, first paragraph. Claims 17-19 and 21 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a,e) as anticipated by Forjdh (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,915). Claims 28-30 and 34-36 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Forjdh in view of Bertsche (U.S. Patent No. 6,487,274). Claims 1-8 and 22-27 were allowed.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejections of claims 9-19, 21, 28-30 and 34-36. Claim 20 was indicated as objected to.

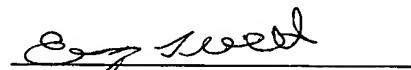
Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims. Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of the base claim 17. There were no intervening claims. Accordingly, all of the claims are allowed or allowable.

The cancelled claims may be pursued in a continuation with or without further amendment.

CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the Jenny Ko at (650) 694-5810 or the undersigned at (312) 321-4726.

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